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In re Patent Application of:

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For: HYBRID ENERGY CURABLE SOLVENT
BASED LIQUID PRINTING INKS

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2009, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Ylitalo in view of Subbraman. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In broadest terms, the claimed invention is a printing ink which comprises a solvent-soluble resin, an energy-curable monomer, oligomer or mixture thereof, and a vehicle. The prior art does not teach or suggest such an ink.

Ylitalo relates to an ink-jet printing ink which has been designed to overcome a foaming problem when the ink contains surfactants by employing a fluorinated surfactant.